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Revenue (1933) Department.

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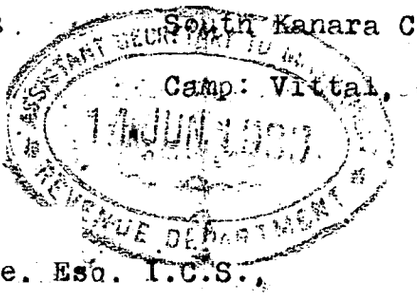
L. Dis. 2698/33. South Kanara Collector's Office,

Camp: Vittal, dated 9th June 1933.



From

E. M. Gawne. Esq. I.C.S.,

Collector of South Kanara

To

The Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department,

Madras.

Sir

Alienation--Land--Mangalore Town--Portion of Central Maidan onstruction of a Town Hall and Municipal Office..

the present purpose. They also propose to get the permission of the Government to sell their present building and appropriate its proceeds. I am not aware that the scheme finds favour with the public and I do not think that the public of Mangalore will readily agree that as much as one-fifth of the Maidan should be given up as it is not likely that the compound thus made over to the Municipality will be open to the public. I also do not anticipate that good subscriptions will be forthcoming from the public for the purpose. Before the Government agrees to give up this portion of the maidan to the present scheme, I think there should be a general meeting of the townspeople to ascertain public opinion on the proposal.

If only an office is wanted by the Municipality, I think d be built on the smaller maidan opposite the Telegraph Office. Further there is little call for a theatre since there are two 'talkie' houses and these meet ordinary needs and so a ~~caved~~ hall available as a theatre in an emergency will not find much custom. This has been proved elsewhere.

As the Municipality in all these years has done nothing to improve the maidan from the point of view of public recreation and as at present it does not seem able to indicate the possession of enough funds to start such an enterprise as a combined Town Hall and Municipal Office, I do not recommend the alienation. The funds at their disposal indicate a much more modest scheme.

Your obedient servant,

Collector.

DEPARTMENT.

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S. CANARA COLLECTORATE
B3 No. 2698/33
27 MAY 1933

Alienation of land -- Portion of the Maidan for construction of a Town-Hall and Municipal Office.

ENCLOSURES.
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Ref: C No. 208/33-34.

Station MANGALORE *Dated the* 23rd May 19 33.

From (Name) M. R. Ry. K. Vittal Shetty, Avargal.
(Designation) Chairman, Municipal Council, Mangalore

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Through
The Collector of South Kanara.

REVENUE Department.
FORT ST. GEORGE. MADRAS

Sir,

opposite the Telegraph Office, or the portion of the central maidan to the north of the St.Paul's Church compound and - permit us to dispose of the present Municipal Office building, in order to enable us to construct with the sale proceeds -- and the contributions, a suitable building which would serve the purposes of both the Town Hall and the Municipal Office. We are prepared to agree to vest the new building in Government on the same conditions on which the present Municipal Office building vests"

2/ His Excellency the Governor had made the following reply :--

"As regards your proposed new Town Hall, if you make definite proposals to my Government, I shall see that your requests are duly considered" p29 of (W)

3/ I have now been authorized by the Municipal Council to submit an application for alienation in its favour of a portion measuring about 5 acres in extent and forming the north western corner of the maidan as per sketch enclosed. It is proposed to utilize 2 acres of land for a building which would serve the purposes of a town-hall, municipal office and a theatre and the remaining three acres for a Public Park, Tennis Courts, etc., & 497

6/ The council has to its credit a sum of Rs.9,675 in Government securities ear-marked for a municipal office building and expects a further sum of about Rs.10,000 - Private contributions collected in the past and held in trust by private parties for the town hall, to be placed at its disposal for the purpose. The building in which the municipal office is now held was made over to the council for appropriation to municipal purposes, subject to the condition that if, and when, no longer needed or used for such purposes it will be replaced at the disposal of Government - vide G.O.No. 401 W, dated 23-3-1908.

No. 7

Extract from the Proceedings of the Mangalore Municipal Council, dated 24th April *19* 33.

PRESENT:-

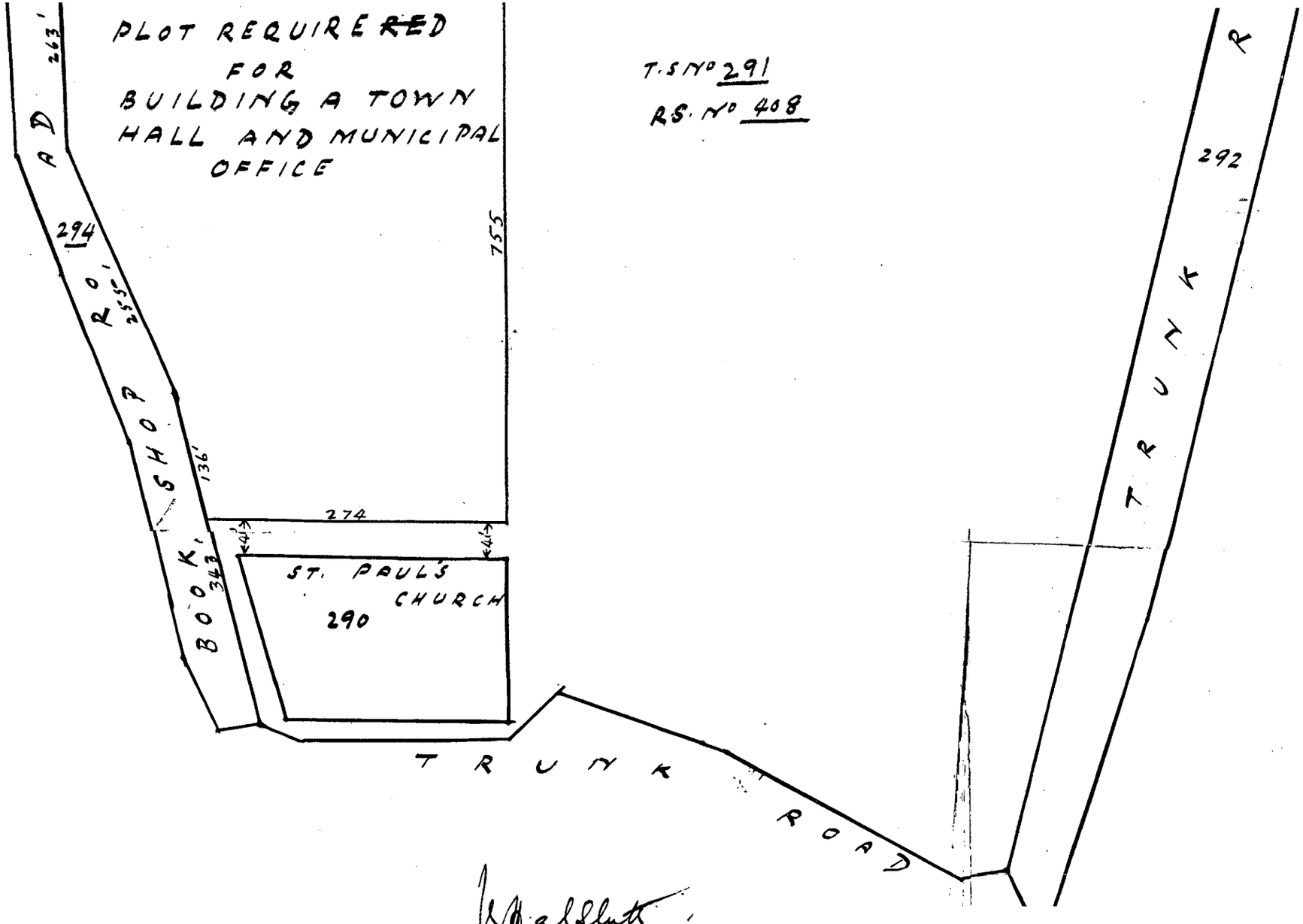
27. Read report of the Committee appointed to report on the subject of the construction of a Town Hall.

The committee's report is accepted and the Chairman is authorised to address the Government in the matter.

(True Extract)

Municipal Office,
Mangalore, dated 23rd May 1933

CHAIRMAN, M.C.



CHAIRMAN M.C.
MANGALORE

Mangalore Town —
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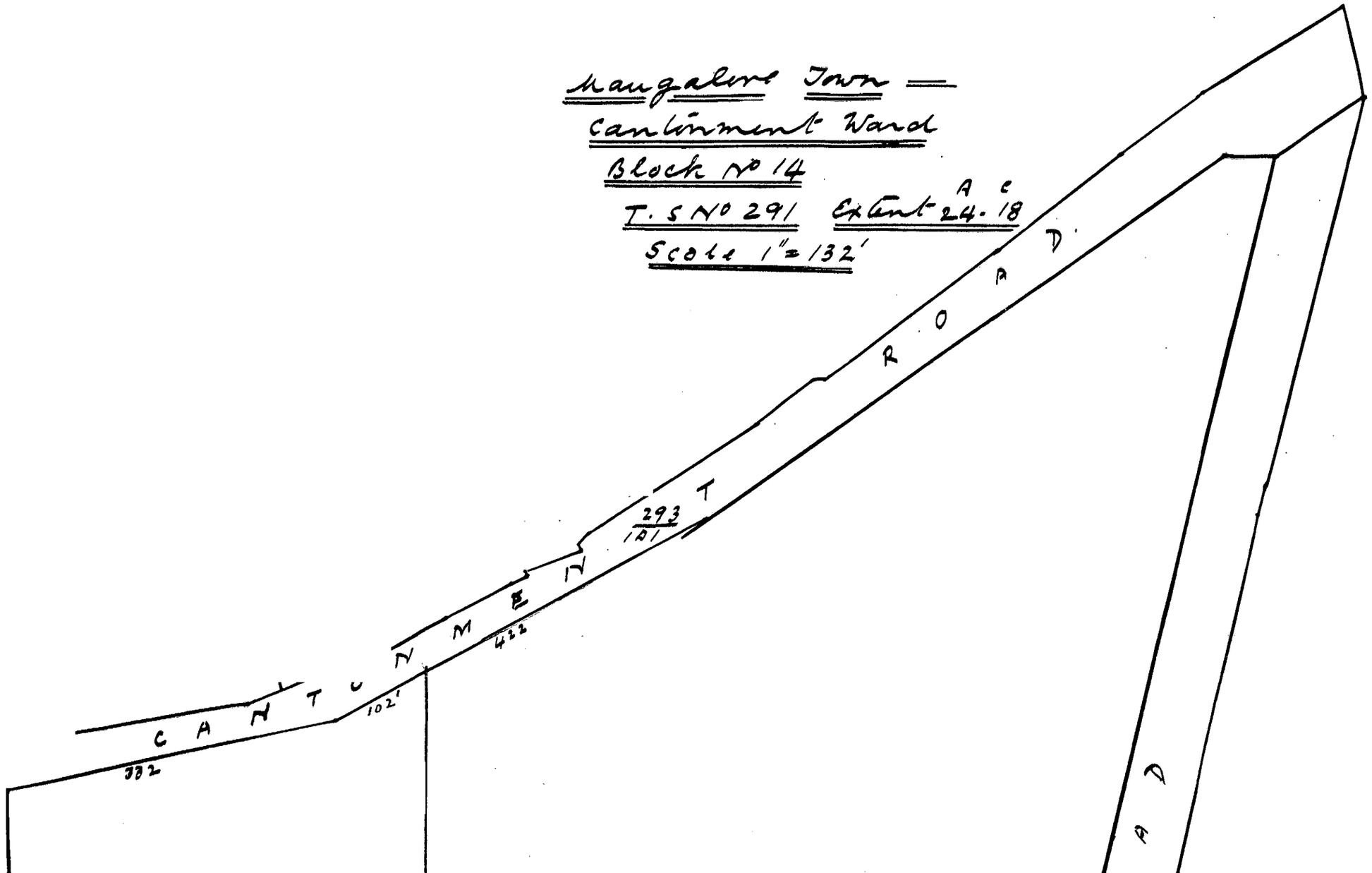

Alienation Land
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Portion of Central Maidan —
Construction of a Town Hall
and Municipal Office —
Mc Council, Bangalore —
From the Collr of South Kanara,
L.Dis 2698/33 dy 9:6·33.

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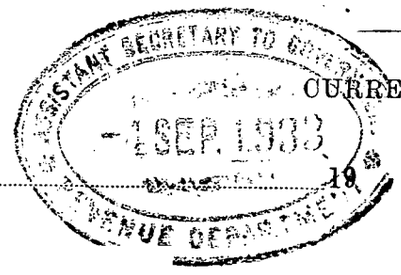

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Alienation - Land - (South Kanara) - Mangalore taluk and town - Town Hall and Municipal Office.

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Reference B.No. 3261/33-2.

Station Madras, *Dated the* 1st September 1933 19

From

A.R.MacEween Esq., M.C.,I.C.S.,
Secretary, Land Revenue and
~~The~~ Board of Revenue, ~~Revenue~~ Settlement, ~~etc.~~
~~Separate Revenue.~~

A.H.A.Todd, Esq., I.C.S.,
Commr. of Land Revenue.

~~Resolution~~
~~Reference.~~

Read the following.

All of

Endorsement from Government, Revenue Department, No.1943-F/33-1, dated the 19th June 1933.

II.

Board's Reference No. B.3261/33-1, dated 3-7-1933.

III.

Letter from E.M.Gawne Esq.,I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, dated 12th August 1933.

REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government.

2.The Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement inspected the sites on 26th August 1933. The Board agrees

entirely with the views of the Collector and considers that there is not the slightest justification for abandoning the present Municipal Office or for alienating any portion of any maidan for the erection of a new municipal office. If the Government, however, consider otherwise, the telegraph maidan is the place in which the alienation should be allowed. In any case, the Board considers that there is no justification for allowing the Municipal Council to appropriate and sell the site of the present office and the buildings thereon.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with sketches, paragraphs 1 and 2 only.

To the Collector of South Kanara, paragraph 3 only.

s.s./2-9-33.

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Copy of Board's Reference No. B.3261-33-1, date(

3rd July 1933:-

Read:-

Letter from the Collector of South Kanara, L.Dis. No. 1424 2698/33, dated 9th June 1933.

ALIENATION - Land - (South Kanara) - Mangalore Town -Portion of central maidan - Town hall and Municipal office.

The Collector is requested to submit a topo sketch of the maidan situated opposite the Telegraph office and to report:-

(i) how it is registered in the accounts, in whose control the land is and the S.No. and ~~and~~ extent of the ma

(ii) the extent required by the Municipal Council for office and town hall purposes and

(iii) the S.No. and extent of the site occupied by the present municipal office and the market value of the buildin

(Sd.) V.Seshagiri Rao,

for Secretary.

To the Collector of South Kanara.

Copy of letter from E.M. Gawne Esq., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, dated 12th August 1933:-

Alienation - Land - Mangalore Town - Town Hall and Municipal office.

1154 Ref.- Board's Reference No. B.3261/33-1, dated 3rd July 1933.

The 'Telegraph Maidan' is T.S.No. 285 in the village of Attavar and measures 3.93 acres. In the revenue accounts it is shown as R.S.No.416 and is registered as Road poramboke. There are two small buildings at the north end of the maidan which belong to the police department and so it is said that the maidan is under the control of the police department. I do not think however that the maidan can be said to be under any one's control sincethe maidan is just an open place and is not used for any purpose. Neither has it been improved at all. I have marked at the south end an extent of two acres, which the Municipal Council says would be the minimum extent required for office and town hall purposes. The maidan slopes gently to the south and as I have shown in the plan there is a natural drain running diagonally across the ground. This and the slope of the ground and the lack of grass make the maidan unsuitable for games and so it is just an open space.

2. Immediately to the north of this maidan, across the road marked as Cantonment road in the plan is the second maidan. This is the police maidan proper and it contains the police offices, and their football and basket ball grounds. The police also parade here daily.

Further north again there is the main maidan on which the Municipal Council desires to build. It is seen from the proceedings of the Council of which I enclose a copy, that the Council asks for the land first in the north east corner and failing that in the north west corner. I enclose a plan of the main maidan too. The maidan slopes to the west and I am

told that the difference in level between east and west is nearly 30 feet. It is the eastern side that is used for games. At the southern end cricket is played daily and the Government College have a football ground at the northern end. I understand that the College has lost a playing field which it used to rent at the other side of the College from the Railway Co. and that this football ground is new.

In any case the whole of the east side of the maidan is in daily use for games. There can be no question of giving any of it up for building.

3. At the north west corner there is a long established tennis court of the Cosmopolitan Club where the popular annual open tournament is played. Further to the east of this Court the land is fairly level and unorganised games are played there. The only possible place that could be given up would be the south west corner close to the Church. I have pinned a piece of paper showing two acres on this spot. The ground here slopes a good deal, too much for games but not too much for building. The ground is cut up by natural drains and there is very little grass. There is also a wide pathway running across the maidan here, though this is not a path that has to be considered. It is only just a convenient short cut.

4. The site occupied by the present municipal office is R.S.No. 1555 of Kasba Bazaar (T.S.No. II.9.551). It is registered as poramboke and measures 46 cents. The Tahsildar has valued the building at Rs.10,000/- as they are very old. The site cannot be worthless than Rs.2,500/- as it is a very good site on the Bunder.

I have inspected the building. The original purpose of the building must have been a court with large cells underneath. It is surprising to me that the Council is

dissatisfied with its office. Upstairs there are four very large rooms or halls, leading from one to the other. The first two are clerks' rooms, the third is the Council room and the fourth is screened so that one third is used by the Chairman. The rest is unused. Below there are rooms running the full width of the building which are said to have been used as prisons. They are now extremely useful for storing all the miscellaneous stuff that a municipal council acquires. On the west side there is a compound and on the north there are four sheds for lorries, latrines etc. A very noticeable feature of the building upstairs is the remarkable size of the windows on all sides. The lighting was so very good that I enquired whether some Chairman in the past, wise beyond his time, had installed this splendid lighting. But I was told that no improvements had even been done upstairs. I can only suppose that the Council does not value this buildin because it gets it for nothing. No doubt that Bundar is not in the centre of Mangalore. But it is less than half a mile from the Bundar to the Maidan and the Bundar must be considered at least the centre of the business activities of Mangalore.

I am told that some years ago the site and building could have been sold easily for Rs.60,000/- as it is such a splendid site for a business firm. But there are none to go in for new business quarters nowadays. But in view of the fact that the Council has made no improvements to the buildings - and indeed does not even mend the broken windows so far as I noticed - there could be no grounds for the Government to make a present of the site and the building to the Council except out of simple generosity. So far as I remember the Council in its application did not mention what an adequate office it had at present.

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R. F. XVII-23—359,634—12-2-32

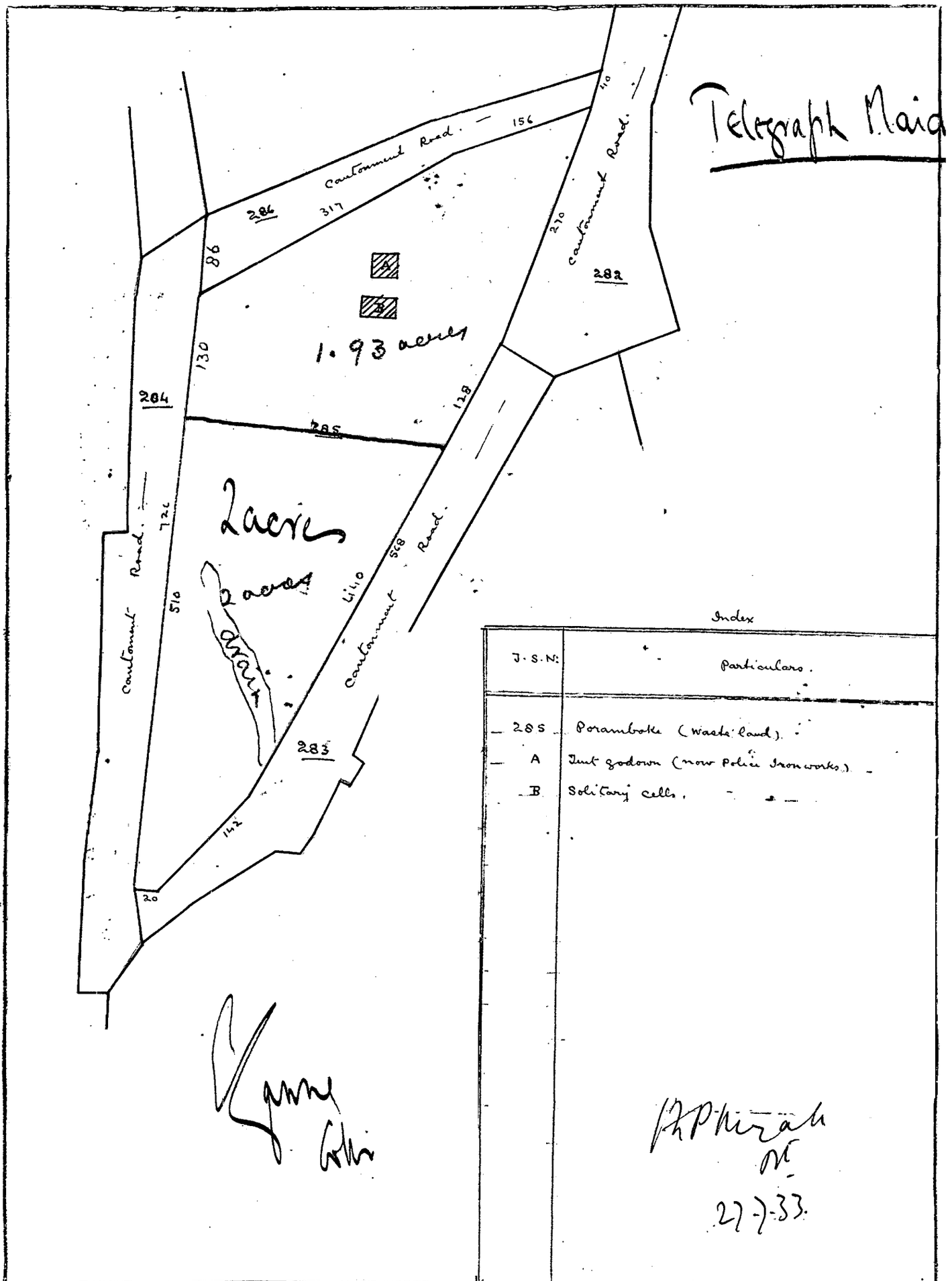
District South Kanara.

Village { No. 86
Name. Allavar.

Taluk Mangalore

6-13. J.S. Field No. 285
(R.S.N. 416.)

Area 3·93. Acres



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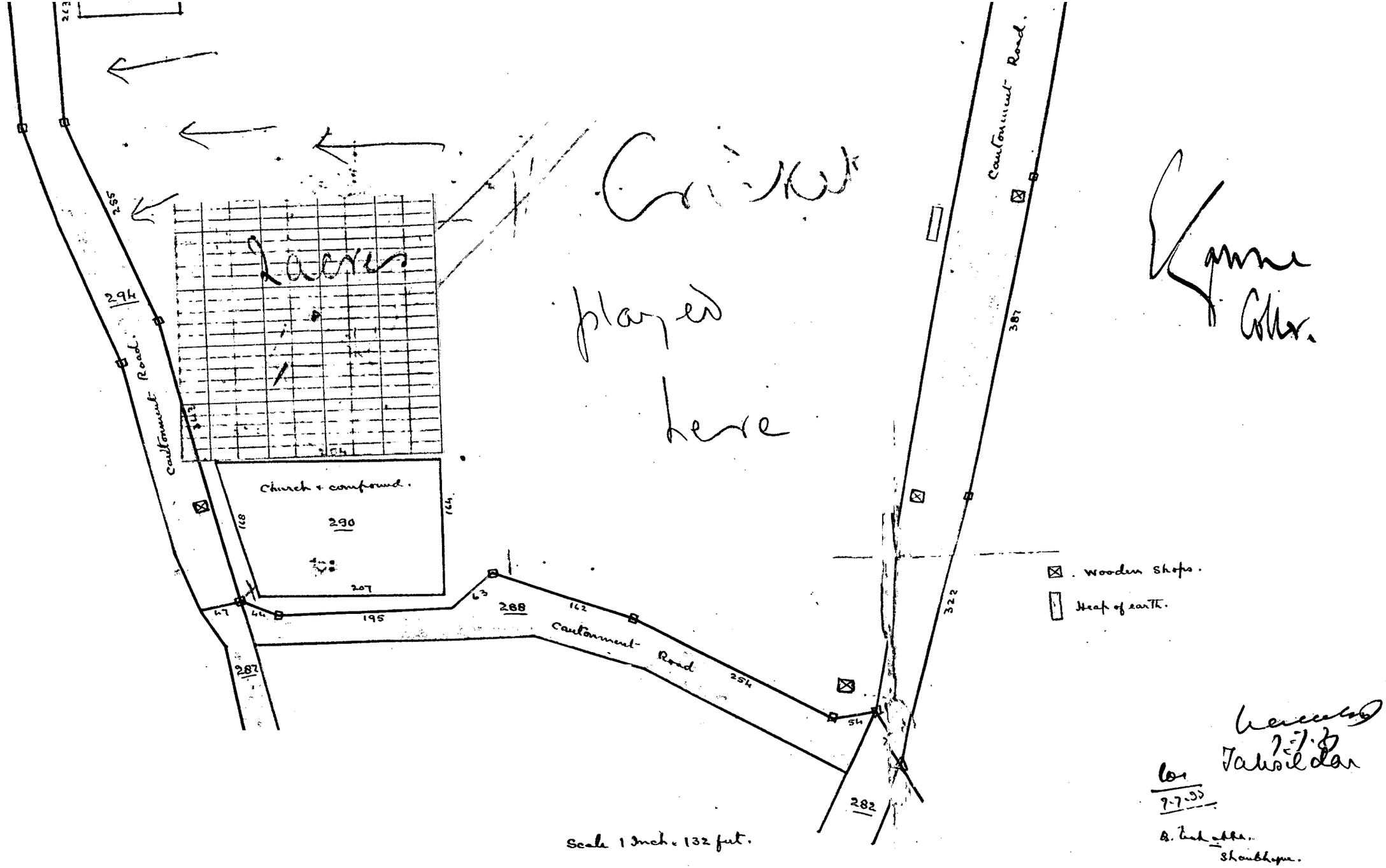

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District : South Kanara.

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R.S.No: 408

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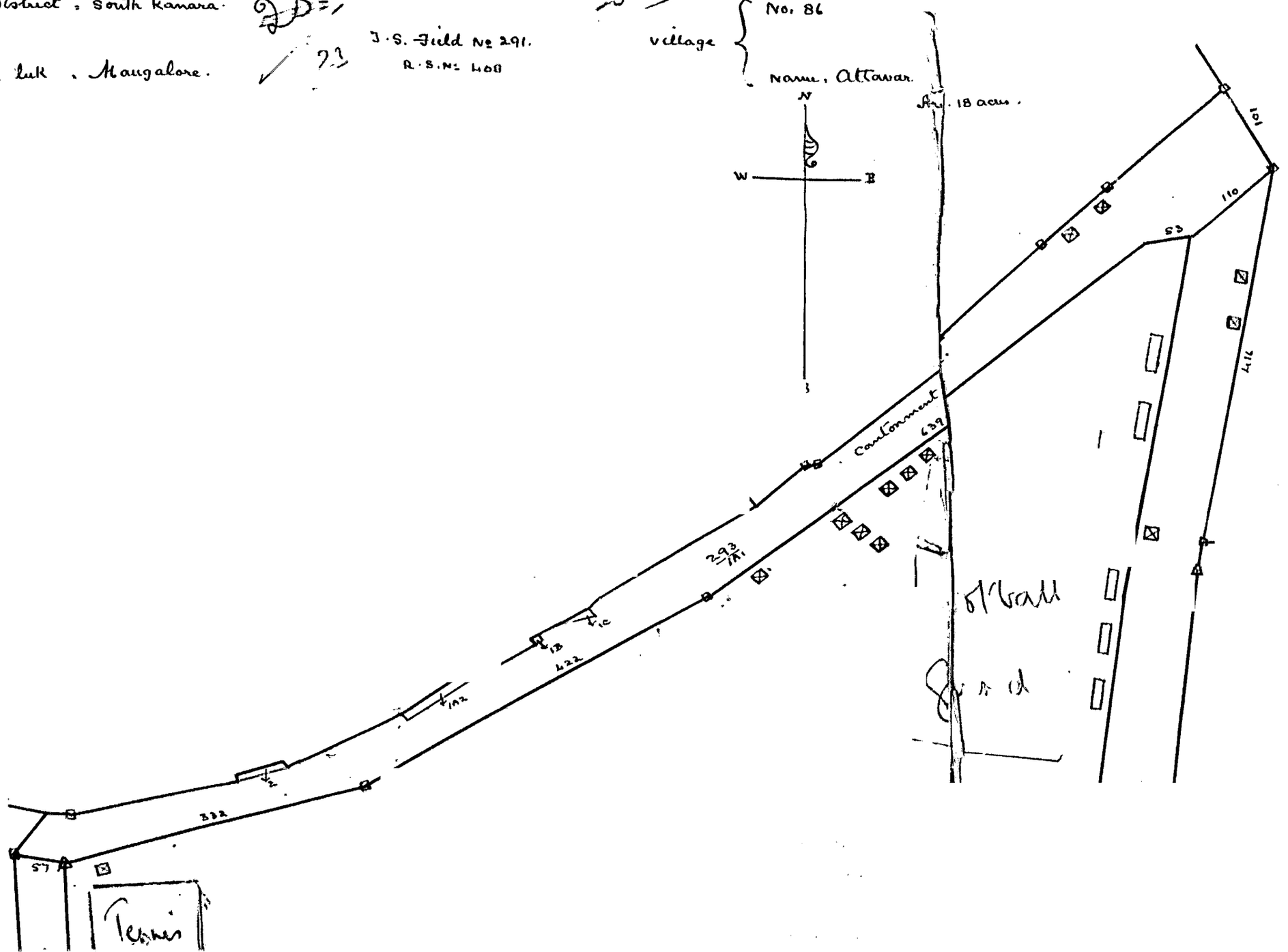

New draft

Alienation – Land – (S. Kanara) – Mangalore Town – Portion of Central Maidan Construction of a Town Hall and Municipal Office – Mc Council, Mangalore.
From the Coll^r of S. Kanara, L. Dis 2698/33 dt 9.6.33
To M.S.

Please see (1) the address of the Mc Council, Mangalore to H.E. 12), the Coll's remarks thereon, (3) the Secty's notes on the address and (4) the extract H.E's reply

2. In his letter dt 2.5.33, the M.C. Mangalore requests that a portion of the central Maidan may be alienated in favour of the Council for the purposes of a town-hall, municipal office etc and that the sale of the existing municipal office building may also be permitted. For the reasons stated in his letter dt 9.6.33, the Coll^r does not recommend the alienation of the land applied for by the M.C. The remarks of the Bd of Rev may perhaps be invited. Subject to orders, a draft cust is submitted for approval

15-6-33.
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Endt No 1943F/33-1 dy 19.6.33.
From the Bd of Rev (L.R.) Refce No B3261/33-2 dy 1-9-33 with 15 a/cs of
To U.S.

Please see the notes on ps 1 ante and the Bd's refce on pp 13 & 14 cf.

2. In the circumstances stated by the Coll^r in his letter dy 12.8.33, the Bd considers that there is not the slightest justification for abandoning the present Tel office or for alienating any portion of any maidan for the erection of a new municipal office. If the Govt consider otherwise, the Bd recommends that the Tele graph maidan may be alienated. ~~Letter~~ The Coll^r also states that the Tel office could be built on the maidan opposite the Telegraph office. ~~Attention~~ Attention is in this connection invited to the Coll^r's remarks (in 1930) at p 9 of Ledger No 2763F/30 dy 25.11.30 viz that the site opposite the Telegraph Office is too near the powder magazine and is unsuitable for being built upon. The Bd also considers that there is no justification for allowing the Tel Commit to appropriate and sell the site of the present office and the buildings thereon. It is for orders whether the (Bd's views will be) ~~Govt decide~~ agreed to

3. The remarks of L.S.G. may be invited.

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The Collr. has dealt fully and clearly with the application [illegible] Evidently not a well-considered one

Rev'l O. No 2144F/33-2

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LSG (Com) Dept

This dept. may agree with the Board of Revenue and the Collector of South Kanara that there is no necessity for abandoning the present municipal office. The Collr considers the present building as suitable and that the Municipal has not made any mention about the inadequacy of its present office building. Perhaps it desire to have a decent Town-hall and a theatre with a park and tennis courts has made it to take up the idea of having a new municipal office also though the necessity for the same has not been felt.

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. 1610, dated 19

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READ ALSO:—

1943 F/33

From the Coll^r of South Kanara, L. Dis No 2698/33, dated 9.6. 1933

" ..... " " Bd of Rev (L.R.H) Rep^re " B 3261/33-2 " 1.9. 1933.

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ORDER.

MS

No. 1825, dated 11-10 1933

close 8x 16/10/33

The Govt. see no justification for abandoning the present Municipal office of the Mangalore ~~Municipality~~ and are not prepared to alienate a ~~for alienation as~~ portion of ~~of the~~ in the town any maidans for the construction of a new Municipal office and Town Hall

They also consider that there is no need for a town hall or for a theatre at present.

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